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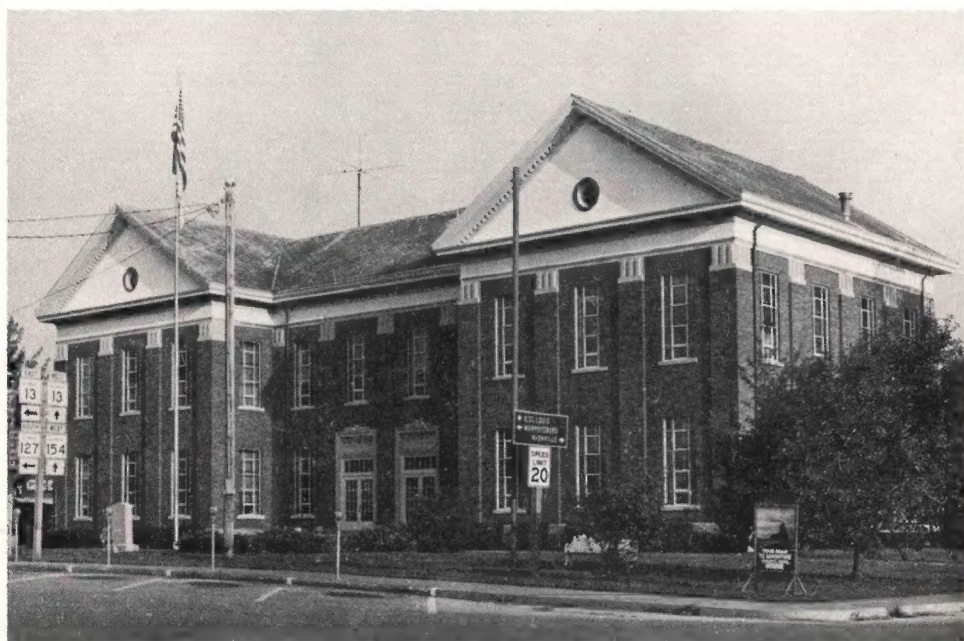
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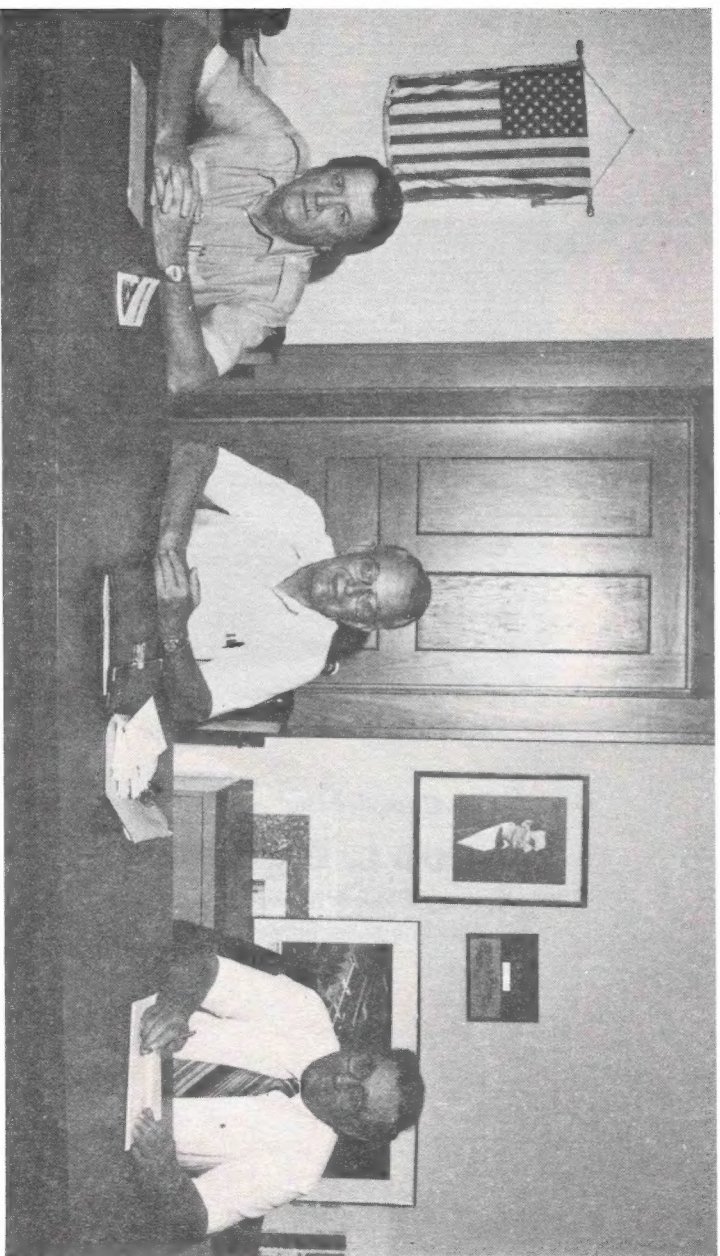


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Perry County Board of Commissioners



Left to Right: Tom Moss, Member; Vic Provart, Chairman of Board; Gene Rodely, Member.

Reference & Year Book

Perry County, Illinois

Containing a List of
National Executive Officers, Illinois Executive Officers
and County Officers, also a list of other important items
of interest.

Victor O. Provart

Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Tom Moss

Member

Gene Rodely

Member

The County Courthouse "Bastion of Liberty"

By Reagan Brown

As you travel the roads of Illinois, in fact throughout the land,
You'll come to towns called county seats
Where an impressive building stands
It's called the county courthouse, that's the title which she bears.
Proud guardian of the records of the people's hopes and cares.
Her lawn may have a statue of a boy in grey or blue,
And if she's somewhat modern and perhaps a little new,
It may be a 1918 doughboy of a lad of World War II.
She's the emblem of our freedom, this building on the square,
With her clock and sometimes pigeons, as she looks so peaceful there.
It's the place where names are recorded, when baby comes to make us glad.
And here the last notation is written when death's angel makes us sad.
It's the place the youngsters head for, when they prepare to say, I vow.
And it's the showdown place for trouble, that wrinkles many a brow.
It's the bastion of our freedom, where it may be jail or bail,
And it's where neighbor judges neighbor on justice lawful scale.
Here you will find the judge, and sheriff and of course you will note the
clerks,
It's America's best example of how "grass roots democracy" works.
A salute to the county courthouse, and a lusty cheer,
For a symbol of our freedom and the traditions we hold so dear.
Perhaps it's wrong for poets to give her a feminine touch,
But in a way she mothers things that touch our lives so much,
God bless the county courthouse, and please always keep it near,
Lord keep it always open, and keep its purpose clear.

PERRY COUNTY PROFILE

Perry County, Illinois has a 1980 population of 21,714 covers 439 square miles and is located in the accessible proximity of the metro-east area. Perry County has six municipalities ranging in population from 280 to 6,500 persons, with 56% of the population living in the urban areas. Perry County, is one of the state's leading coal mining counties. The major employees are manufacturing, trade, agriculture, mining and services.

Approximately 45% of the population is between the ages of 21-65. The 1981 work force was over 10,000 persons, while the average 1981 unemployment rate was 11.8% with approximately 1,100 persons able for employment. The 1979 net migration rate for the county was 3.6%. Approximately 13% of the population is poverty classified. There are 8,900 housing units in the county, of which 17% are classified as substandard.

Transportation

Perry County has 782 miles of highway, including 100 miles of state and 121 miles of county. The county is served by U.S. Route 51, Illinois Routes 13, 14, 127, 152 and 154. The county has one airport without passenger services. However, passenger service is available at both Carbondale and Marion.

Public Health and Safety

The county provides 115 hospital beds at two hospital facilities, and is located in proximity to the Regional Trauma Center facilities at Carbondale Mt. Vernon and Centralia. The county is served by three public and four private ambulance services. Public health services are also available through the Perry County Health Department. Family practice, adolescent health, neonatology and diagnostic radiology are services which are available and accessible.

Educational Services

Perry County has excellent access to educational facilities and services. In addition to the community schools at the primary and secondary level. The county is located in both the John A. Logan Community College and Rend Lake Community College Districts. In addition, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is located some 35 miles away.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF PERRY COUNTY

Perry County was created by an act of the legislative of the State of Illinois at its fifth session held in the State Capitol building in Vandalia, beginning December 4, 1826 and ending February 19, 1827. The act was approved January 29, 1827 by Ninian Edwards, Governor.

The first appointed office holder in the county was Humphrey B. Jones. Mr. Jones was appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court on February 19, 1827 by T. W. Smith, Associate Judge of the Supreme Court. Mr. Jones' first responsibility was call and hold an election in the County of Perry. Election was to elect three County Commissioners, a Sheriff and a Coroner.

Elected County Commissioners were John R. Hutching, David H. Mead, and Elijah Wells; Joseph Wells, Sheriff; and Amos Anderson, Coronor. All elected officials were sworn in June 4, 1827. Their first act was to appoint Humphrey B. Jones, County Clerk and Daniel Dry, County Treasurer. Governor Ninian Edwards then appointed Humphrey B. Jones as Recorder in Perry County. This completed the organization of the new County.

The County Commissioners appointed a three (3) man committee to select a site for a County Courthouse. The committee recommended that the best site would be the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 24 in Township 5 Range 3 containing 80 acres. The Board accepted the recommendation. The site of 80 acres was purchased for \$100.00 and 20 acres was to be surveyed in tracts and lots, streets and alleys with a public square. The original plat of Pinckneyville was executed July 21, 1829 and recorded in the Office of Recorder in Deed Record A on page 39 where by under this act of the Legislature creating the County, it was provided the County Seat should be named Pinckneyville.

A public sale of lots was ordered and in early 1828, 24 lots were sold for \$1,223.28 for an average of \$50.95 each.

Records show other towns and villages were incorporated as follows:

Pinckneyville	7/21/1829
Du Quoin	9/20/1853
Tamaroa	5/14/1855
St. Johns	9/29/1856
Sunfield (Unincorp.)	6/28/1866
Swanwick (Unincorp.)	5/27/1871
Cutler	2/25/1873
Willisville	9/8/1893

The first Courthouse was built on the southeast corner of Lot 32 in the Original Survey of Pinckneyville. This is where Law Office of Hohlt, House, DeMoss and Johnson Law Office is located. This building was completed September, 1828. Adjoining the Courthouse was an enclosure for penning up stray horses, cows, hogs and anything caught running loose.

The second Courthouse was completed in the fall of 1837. It was a two story building built were the present Courthouse stands taking two years for construction and a cost of \$1,765.00 Several protests were heard due to the excessive cost to the taxpayer.

The third Courthouse was completed December 3, 1850 at a cost of \$7,500.00. The Courthouse was again remodeled and added to at a cost of \$9,742.00. This was completed on April 10, 1897.

The present Courthouse was added to and remodeled again in 1938 and 1939. This time the cost was \$52,754.00.

Adding all these figures together, the Courthouse in Perry County has only cost the local people \$71,761.00.

Dates To Remember

The Perry County Board of Commissioners at the present time are meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:00 A.M. in the Board Meeting room on the lower level. The Board of Commissioners can adjourn for a Special Meeting at anytime between regular meetings. The Chairman of the Board can call a Special Meeting by giving 24 hour notice or the other two members can request a Special Meeting by requesting in writing to the County Clerk of the need for the call. The County Clerk must notify the news media of the Special Meeting call.

The year is divided into four (4) quarters; spring, summer, fall and winter. The Board adjourns Sine Die on the last Friday before the third Monday of each quarter ending in March, June, September, and December.

In addition, the County Board of Commissioners are required by Law to meet on the second Monday of July at 10:00 A.M.

The County Board meetings are open to the public and anyone may appear before the Board for any problem or request that they feel they want to present to the Board. The County Clerk is the official keeper of the minutes for the Board.

The County Board of Commissioners are also the Board of Review, assessments complaints are filed with the County Assessor, it becomes the duty of the Board of Review to personally inspect where the complaint is and make discussion if adjustments are to be made.

When the Board of Review adjourns, they certify the County Assessor's Tax Valuation Books and they are then turned over to the County Clerk for tax extension purposes.

Perry County Jail

I am sure you have heard the song "This Old House Won't Stand Much Longer," this applies to our county jail.

No accurate date has been found that can establish the real age of the jail, however, it has been established beyond doubt that it is one of the oldest in the State being around 125 years old.

Many years ago the jail was considered an ancient structure beyond repair and considerable money was being spent for upkeep. Several Grand Jury investigations have recommended building a new jail for Perry County at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars.

In 1971 and 1972, the Perry County Board of Commissioners made considerable repairs to the jail by securing a grant and using County funds to supplement the grant.

The jail was tuck pointed, a new roof was put on. Inside a complete overhaul was made. The Sheriff's residence was moved out. Full-time jailers now keep constant surveillance on prisoners.

County Radio services for police, fire and other emergencies are located in the County jail including modern monitoring equipment.

Other officers with space in the County Jail building are General Assistance, Probation Officer, and the Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Office. At the present, the State Department of Corrections is threatening to close the jail due to its present conditions.

So, the next time we write about our jail, we may write a short note that our old jail that has served Perry County for so many years, is closed by State regulations.

National Government

Executive

Ronald W. Reagan, President

George Bush, Vice-President

Members of the Cabinet

Hon. George Schultz	Secretary of State
Hon. Donald T. Regan	Secretary of the Treasury
Hon. Casper Willard Weinberger	Secretary of Defense
Hon. William French Smith	Attorney General
Hon. James Gaius Watt	Secretary of the Interior
Hon. John R. Block	Secretary of Agriculture
Hon. Malcolm Baldrige	Secretary of Commerce
Hon. Raymond J. Donovan	Secretary of Labor
Hon. Richard S. Schweiker	Secretary of Health and Human Services

Hon. Samuel R. Pierce, Jr.	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Hon. Andrew L. Lewis, Jr.	Secretary of Transportation
Hon. James B. Edwards.	Secretary of Energy
Hon. T. H. Bell.	Secretary of Education
Hon. John Marsh.	Secretary of Army
Hon. John Lehman.	Secretary of Navy
Hon. Vern Orr.	Secretary of Air Force

Legislative

United States Senators

(Terms, Six Years)

(Term Expires 1985)

Charles H. Percy, Republican
Kenilworth, Illinois

(Term Expires 1986)

Alan J. Dixon, Democrat
Belleville, Illinois

Representatives In Congress

22nd Congressional District

(Terms, Two Years)

Paul Simon, Democrat Carbondale, Illinois

State Government

Executive

James R. Thompson, Republican.	Governor
	Lieutenant Governor
Jim Edgar, Republican.	Secretary of State
Roland W. Burris, Democrat.	Comptroller
Jerome A. Consentino, Democrat.	State Treasurer
Tyrone Fahner, Republican.	Attorney General
Donald Gill.	Superintendent of Education
Clell L. Woods.	Clerk of Supreme Court

State Senator

58th Senatorial District

Kenneth V. Buzbee, Democrat Carbondale

State Representative

115th District

Ralph Dunn, Republican Du Quoin

Elected County Officers

County Clerk & Recorder Winton L. Bigham
Circuit Clerk Robert L. Phipps
Treasurer & County Collector Frank L. Mangin
Sheriff Jerry Woolsey
State's Attorney Gerald Sims, Jr.
Superintendent of Educational Service Region Donald D. Stricklin
Coroner F. M. "Frank" Maxton
County Board Chairman Victor O. Provart
Member County Board Tom Moss
Member County Board Gene Rodely

Appointed County Officers

Superintendent of Highways Roy A. Smith, Sr.
Supervisor of Assessment John Hammack
County General Assistance Supervisor Eric V. Pflanz
Animal Health Warden Delmar Stephens
Probation Officer Vicki Suttle
County Rabies Inspector Dr. J. A. Bates

General Information About Obtaining A Delayed Birth Certificate

When a person has checked with the County Clerk's Office for a birth certificate and finds that it was not recorded, then an application for a delayed birth certificate can be applied for. At least two (2) proofs must accompany the application which states the name of the child, date of birth, place of birth, name of the father and maiden name of the mother. These proofs can be an old family Bible record, a baptismal certificate if the child was baptized before the age of 10 years, a school record, an affidavit of a relative that is older or if parents are living, they can sign the affidavit, or a certified copy of a marriage application of the person who is applying for the birth certificate.

After the application for the delayed birth certificate has been filled out and properly attested to, it is submitted to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Springfield. If all the information is in proper form, the delayed birth certificate is issued and returned to the County Clerk's Office and filed in the Delayed Birth Records.

The County Clerk's Office is the keeper of birth, death, and marriage records and the only place a certified copy of the same can be secured. A certified copy of either costs \$3.00 payable in advance and can be picked up in person or requested by mail.

County Clerks of Perry County, Illinois

The following is a list of County Clerks of Perry County, Illinois dating from the first County Clerk elected to the present.

All the County Clerks terms were for 4 years and have continued as such.

Winton L. Bigham	1970-
Frank W. Keith	1942-1970
Mervin Eaton	1930-1942
H. H. Baughman	1918-1930
W. A. Bommersheim	1914-1918
H. R. Sims	1910-1914
J. G. Taffee	1894-1910
R. G. Williams	1890-1894
W. S. D. Smith	1874-1890
Carrol Harriss	1870-1874
L. T. Ross	1866-1870
David M. Hoge	1862-1866
John W. Pyatt	1854-1862
N. L. Kelley	1850-1854
C. L. Starbuck	1848-1850
John O. Burklow	1840-1848
H. B. Jones	1827-1840

Clerks of the Circuit Court, Perry County

Robert Phipps	1964-
Lloyd Edwards	1960-1964
Dyer Campbell	1944-1960

Elected Cou



Winton L. Bigham 1970-
County Clerk and Recorder
County Election Authority



Robert L. Phipps 1966-
Clerk of
Circuit Court



F. M. (Frank) Maxton 1972-
Coroner



Jerry W. Wo
She

Appointee



Roy A. Smith, Sr. 1973-
County Superintendent
of Highways

County Officials



Frank L. Mangin 1981-
Treasurer and
County Collector



Gerald A. Sims, Jr. 1980-
States Attorney



Don Stricklin 1978-



Don Stricklin 1978-
Regional Superintendent
of Schools
Jackson and Perry Counties

Officials



John Hammack 1980-
Supervisor of
Assessments

Alva Engert	1944
Gene Kellerman	1940-1944
Hugo Dudenbostel	1939-1940
Victor Shade	1932-1939
Henry Schaub	1924-1932
John DeWitt Roe	1911-1924
Charles H. Ross	1908-1911
James M. Pyatt	1904-1908
Albert Driemeyer	1892-1904
Charles Roe	1867-1892
James M. Brown	1864-1867
Evan Rushing	1856-1864
James Montag	1852-1856
Lewis Hammack	1848-1852
Charles Starbuck	1847-1848
Andrew Dickinson	1843-1847
Marmaduke S. Ferguson	1843
Humphrey Jones	1827-1843

Sheriffs of Perry County

Jerry Woolsey	1978-
Eddie N. Rainwater	1970-1978
Norman Brostmeyer	1966-1970
John Barber	1962-1966
Tom O'Keefe	1958-1962
Joe Shirk	1954-1958
Craig Templeton	1950-1954
Tom O'Keefe	1946-1950
Emil (Buck) Boquillon	1942-1946
Howard W. Lee	1938-1942
Robert J. Ozburn	1934-1938
Albert C. Davis	1930-1934
Thomas H. Thimming	1926-1930
Albert C. Davis	1922-1926
Thomas H. Thimming	1918-1922
J. Quinn Charlton	1914-1918
Samuel T. Duncan	1910-1914
Dempsey Winthrop	1906-1910
Henry R. Winthrop	1902-1906
John J. King	1896-1902
John S. Winthrop	1894-1896
George W. Clark	1890-1894
Thomas Penwarden	1886-1890
Ralph G. Williams	1882-1886

Thomas Penwarden	1880-1882
Edwin M. Harriss	1876-1880
Leonard T. Ross	1872-1876
Samuel A. Baird	1870-1872
Daniel W. Dry	1868-1870
J. Carroll Harriss	1866-1868
William C. Leslie	1864-1866
James F. Mason	1862-1864
Albert A. Clymer	1860-1862
James J. Hoge	1858-1860
David M. Hoge	1856-1858
John D. Reese	1854-1856
David M. Hoge	1852-1854
John W. Pyatt	1850-1852
David M. Hoge	1846-1850
Laban C. Jones	1844-1846
Abner K. Pyle	1843-1844
John Steele	1840-1843
Matthew Jones	1836-1840
William C. Murphy	1827-1836

Perry County Treasurers

Until 1971 The County Treasurer Was Also The County Assessor

Frank L. Mangin	1981-
Wm. C. Heisner	(First to succeed himself) 1970-1981
John Barber	1966-1970
Ruben Eisen	1962-1966
Joe Shirk	1958-1962
Theodore Croessman	1954-1958
E. J. McElvain	1950-1954
Theodore Croessman	1946-1950
T. Lewis Wood	1942-1946
James W. Cunningham	1938-1942
George A. Miller	1936-1938
Linnie A. Blackburn	1935-1936
W. A. Blackburn	1934-1935
W. T. Morriss	1930-1934
Albert C. Davis	1926-1930
John H. Stumpe	1922-1926
Samuel N. Hunter	1918-1922
Samuel T. Duncan	1914-1918
William Brey	1910-1914
Edward Flynn	1906-1910

George Robb	1902-1906
James Archibald	1898-1902
Jonah Flavell	1894-1898
J. W. Haines	1890-1894
John Brown	1886-1890
John Hafley	1882-1886
Josiah W. Haines	1879-1882
John Patterson	1873-1879
James C. Kimzey	1865-1871
L. T. Ross (Leonard)	1863-1865
Johnson C. Harriss	1861-1863
Samuel King	1855-1861
John McClure	1852-1855
John Moore	1850-1852
James M. Montagne	1848-1850
Samuel Eaton	1847-1848
Benjamin Hammack	1846-1847
David M. Hoge	1845-1846
Luther Beal	1843-1845
John D. Burklow	1841-1843
Lewis Staten	1840-1841
George O. Hotchkiss (First elected by the people)	1839-1840
Joshua M. Rice	1836-1839
David H. Mead	1833-1836
Samuel Pyatt	1832-1833
John R. Hutchings	1830-1832
Richard G. Murphy	1829-1830
Daniel Dry	1827-1829

Perry County Commissioners

1981-1982

Vic Provart, Tom Moss, Gene Rodely

1979-1980

Vic Provart, John Barber, Tom Moss

1976-1978

John Barber, Ron Shirk, Vic Provart

1974-1975

Vallie West, John Barber, Vic Provart

1972-1973

John Rednour, Vallie West, Vic Provart

1970-1971

John Rednour, Vallie West, Steve Reel

1968-1969

Steve Reel, John Rednour, Lawrence Brock

1967
Steve Reel, Lloyd Lodge, Lawrence Brock

1966
Glenn Martin, Lloyd Lodge, Steve Reel

1965
Glenn Martin, Lloyd Lodge, Dale Schwinn

1964
Eddie Rainwater, Dale Schwinn, Glenn Martin

1963
Henry Eisenhower, Dale Schwinn, Eddie Rainwater

1961-1962
Eddie Rainwater, Albert Benson, Jr., Henry Eisenhower

1960
Edgar Ohlau, Albert Benson, Jr., Henry Eisenhower

1959
John Emling, Henry Eisenhower, Edgar Ohlau

1958
Thomas Torrens, John Emling, Henry Eisenhower

1957
Thomas Torrens, Leo Hindman, John Emling

1954-1956
Leo Hindman, Thomas Torrens, Dave Looney

1953
Harry Brown, Leo Hindman, Thomas Torrens

1952
Leo Hindman, Robert Shook, Sr., Harry Brown

1950-1951
Edward Morgenstern, Harry Brown, Robert Shook

1949
Albert Teabeau, Harry Brown, Edward Morgenstern

1948
Theodore Hubler, Harry Brown, Albert Teabeau

1947
Theodore Hubler, Albert Teabeau, Walter Krone

1946
Walter Krone, Theodore Hubler, John Winthrop

1945
L.O. Robb, John Winthrop, Walter Krone

1944
W. H. Pierce, L. O. Robb, John Winthrop

1943
C. O. Wellington, L. O. Robb, John Winthrop

1942

C. O. Wellington, W. H. Pierce, J. M. Pillers

1941

Allen Rountree, Walter Bartle, C. O. Wellington

1938-1940

Edgar Provart, Allen Rountree, Walter Bartle

1936-1937

W. J. Miller, Allen Rountree, Walter Bartle

1935

Edgar Provart, Walter Bartle, Wm. Miller

1934

A. A. Hampleman, Edgar Provart, Walter Bartle

1933

Fred Pundsack, A. A. Hampleman, Edgar Provart

1931-1932

Fred Reiss, Fred Pundsack, A. A. Hampleman

1930

A. A. Hampleman, Fred Reiss, F. M. Norton

1929

David Thompson, A. A. Hampleman, Fred Reiss

1927-1928

A. A. Hampleman, John Golden, David Thompson

1926

James Archibald, David Thompson, Arthur Hampleman

1923-1925

Matt Robb, James Archibald, David Thompson

1921-1922

P. H. Walker, John McLaughlin, James Archibald

1919-1920

John Nealy, P. H. Walker, John McLaughlin

1918

Jabez Brown, Thomas Thimmig, John Nealy

1917

Randolph Bishop, Jabez Brown, Thomas Thimmig

1914-1916

Uriah Wendell, Randolph Bishop, Jabez Brown

1913

Charles Seibert, Louis Croessman, Jabez Brown

1912

Mike Birkner, Charles Seibert, Louis Croessman

1907-1911

Louis Croessman, Charles Seibert, Mike Birkner

1904-1906

Porter Baird, Louis Croessman, H. W. Adams

1903

H. P. Provart, H. W. Adams, Louis Croessman

1902

H. H. Kimmel, H. P. Provart, H. W. Adams

1901

James Fulton, H. H. Kimmel, H. P. Provart

1900

George Robb, James Fulton, H. A. Kimmel

1899

J. N. Gore, Zeb Hampleman, J. T. Marlow

1898

Porter Baird, George Robb, James Fulton

1897

George Robb, Charles Seibert, Porter Baird

1895-1896

James Pyatt, George Robb, Charles Seibert

1894

William Smith, Charles Seibert, James Pyatt

1893

E. G. Brune, William Smith, Charles Seibert

1892

N. W. Maclin, E. F. Brune, William Smith

1891

J. H. Ward, N. W. Maclin, E. F. Brune

1890

Lewis Treffs, J. H. Ward, N. W. Maclin

1889

William Walker, Lewis Treffs, J. H. Ward

1888

Alvah Blauchard, William Walker, Lewis Treffs

1887

William Davis, Alvah Blauchard, W. J. Walker

1884-1886

Silas Ross, William Davis, Alvah Blauchard

1883

Thomas Stevenson, John Pyatt, Alvah Blauchard

1879-1882

Thomas Stevenson, Lysias Heape, John W. Pyatt

1876-1878

Lysias Heape, John W. Pyatt, John Baird

1875

John Schneider, John W. Pyatt, John Baird

1874

John Pyatt, John Baird, Elihu Onstott

1872-1873

John Baird, Elihu Onstott, Charles Guemalley

1870-1871

Charles Winthrop, J. L. Primm, James Ervin

1866-1869

William Elston, J. L. Primm, E. J. Rees

1862-1865

Henry Hampleman, William Craig, E. J. Rees

1857-1861

William Elston, Ephriam Rees, James Primm

1854-1856

Henry Hampleman, William Craig, Samuel McCluer

1853

Laban Jones, Jonathon Clark, John Pyle

1851-1852

Hosea Straight, Richard Williams, Peter Wilkes

1850

Hosea Straight, Richard Williams, Edward Whipple

1848-1849

Issac Bradley, Joel Rushing, Reuben Dye

1847

Henry Hampleman, Issac Bradley, Joel Rushing

1844-1846

Enoch Eaton, Henry Hampleman, Issac Bradley

1843

Enoch Eaton, Abner Pyle, Isaac Bradley

1841-1842

Jonathon Clarke, Enoch Eaton, Abner Pyle

1840

Richard Davis, Enoch Eaton, Jonathon Clarke

1839

G. W. Hutchings, Enoch Eaton, R. G. Davis

1836-1838

John Reid, Jacob Short, N. G. Curlee

1835

Samuel Pyatt, Daniel Dry, William Edwards

1832-1834

Daniel Dry, Samuel Pyatt, Benjamin Hammack

1831

Abner Keith, Elijah Wells, Joseph Wells

1830

William Johnson, Joseph Wells, Abner Keith

1828-1829

William H. Threlkel, William Johnson, John Pyle, Jr.

1827

John R. Hutchings, Elijah Wells, David H. Mead

Instructions For Obtaining A Marriage License In Perry County

Where to Apply:

Office of Winton L. Bigham, Perry County Clerk

Perry County Courthouse

Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday

When to Apply:

Both parties **MUST** appear at the County Clerk's office, each bringing with them a Physician's Certificate. The Physician's Certificate must be dated and not more than 15 days old when the application is made.

Important:

Persons obtaining a marriage license in Perry County **MAY NOT** use the license in any other county. The license must be obtained at least one day prior to being used. The license is void 60 days after the effective date.

Fee:

The fee for a marriage license is \$25.00 **CASH-NO CHECKS ACCEPTED**, effective January 1, 1982.

Qualifications for Residents of the State of Illinois:

Age Requirements:

In order to be married in Illinois without parental consent, you must be at least 18 years of age. If you are 16 or 17 years of age, **BOTH PARENTS** must sign a parental consent form in the County Clerk's office, if not possible for your parents to sign in this office, it may be done before the County Clerk in your parents county.

Proof of Age:

It will be necessary to show proof of age when applying for a marriage license if you are less than 18 years.

Medical Examination:

The State of Illinois requires that both parties to a marriage must have a Physician's Certificate at the time of the application for a marriage license. This certificate verifies your physical examination. It must be signed by both the bride and groom and also the physician. Physician's Certificates are accepted from other states as long as they have not exceeded the 15 day period.

Qualifications for Non-Residents:

Non-Residents **CAN NOT** obtain a marriage license if the said marriage would be void in their state.

Return of License:

The license must be returned to the County Clerk's office by the officiant of the ceremony within 10 days after the date of marriage.

Marriage by a Judge:

If you wish to be married by a judge, you may make your own arrangements prior to the ceremony.

Obtaining a Certified Copy:

A copy of your marriage license issued in Perry County may be obtained from the County Clerk's office. Include the maiden name of the bride, the groom's name, the date of marriage, and the fee of \$3.00. An additional copy of the same certificate may be obtained for \$2.00. Address your requests to:

Winton L. Bigham
Perry County Clerk
P. O. Box 438
Pinckneyville, IL 62274

These certificates may also be picked up in person.

Things of Interest

"Fairs"

Perry County has two fairgrounds and annually each one holds their Fair. The Perry County Fair held in Pinckneyville is the oldest continuous fair in the State of Illinois and is held in July.

The Du Quoin State Fair held at Du Quoin is held the last week of August and ends on Labor Day. Each night, a gala night show is featured in front of the Grandstand to capacity crowds. The Fair also features one of the largest livestock expositions anywhere in the midwest.

“Mardi-Gras”

The last Saturday of October, Pinckneyville celebrates Halloween with a gala celebration complete with a large parade including bands, floats, gala costumes and pretty girls. Large crowds attend each year as people come from all over Southern Illinois to take part. This past year marked the 58th anniversary of the event. Each year, the event is closed with the crowning of the new queen. The Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce sponsors the celebration.

“American Threshermen’s Power Progress Show”

The third week of August, the Pinckneyville Fairgrounds comes alive with steam engines, old tractors, threshers, sawmills, veneering machines, antiques, novelty stands and what have you, including the largest exhibit of antique cars found anywhere in the midwest. For an enjoyable time and an experience you will not forget, you must attend.

“Shriner Circus”

Du Quoin

Days the Courthouse is to be closed as listed as legal holidays in the Illinois Revised Statute:

1. New Year’s Day
2. Martin Luther King’s Birthday
3. Lincoln’s Birthday
4. Washington’s Birthday
5. Good Friday
6. Memorial Day
7. July 4th
8. Labor Day
9. Columbus Day
10. Election Day when State Representatives are elected
11. Veteran’s Day
12. Thanksgiving Day
13. Christmas Day

